

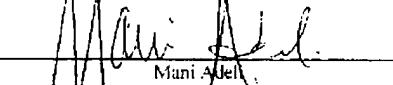
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner of  
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is concurrently filed with the above-entitled application, which is a continuation application of a presently pending application entitled "Routing Method and Apparatus that Utilize Diagonal Routes," filed on December 7, 2001, and having serial number 10/013,819. **Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-26 be canceled (pursuant to the amendment below) before calculation of the filing fee.**